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TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1912.

Population of District (Census 1911)	17,834
Population of District (estimated to the middle of 1912)	17,860
Area in Statute Acres	4,079
Birth-rate per 1,000 of Population	15·4
Death-rate per 1,000 of Population	14·5
Zymotic Death-rate	1·0
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births	79·4

To the Taunton Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report of the Rural District during the year 1912.

I will first consider the vital statistics of the year before detailing the sanitary work which has been carried out.

I. Mortality in 1912.

The total Deaths in the District in 1912 were 260, or at the rate of 14·5 per 1,000.

This is the gross Death-rate, but to correct this, non-residents dying in the District must be deducted, and residents dying without the District added.

63 non-residents died in Cotford Asylum and 4 in the Isolation Hospital, both of which Institutions are situated in the District.

These 67 being deducted reduces the total number to 193.

16 non-residents, however, died outside the District, 2 in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and 14 in the Union Workhouse.

These being added to the 193 makes a total of 209, or a net Death-rate of 11·7 per 1,000.

(*a*) Localities.

The Deaths occurred in the following Districts :—

1. Pitminster District	37
2. North Curry ,, ...	73
3. Taunton (Without) District	16
4. Bishop's Lydeard ,, ...	57
5. Cotford Asylum	69
6. Isolation Hospital	8
Total	260

(*b*) Sexes.

Of the 260, 128 were Males and 132 Females.

(*c*) Ages at Death.

The various ages at which Death occurred, according to the L.G.B. Classification, are as follows :—

Under 1 year	22
1 to 2 years	5
2 to 5 ,, ...	5
5 to 15 ,, ...	12
15 to 25 ,, ...	11
25 to 45 ,, ...	23
45 to 65 ,, ...	65
65 years and over	117
Total	260

(*d*) Deaths in Public Institutions.

77 of the total Deaths occurred in the Public Institutions in the District, and are thus accounted for :—

1. COTFORD ASYLUM.

Cases from Taunton Rural District	6
,, ,, Urban ,, ...	8
,, Without both Districts	55
	69

2. ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Cases from Rural District	4
,, Urban ,, ...	4
	8

II. Causes of Death.

(*a*) ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The number of Deaths from these Diseases was 18, 6 from Diphtheria, 10 from Whooping Cough, and 2 from Enteric (Typhoid) Fever.

Those from Diphtheria and Enteric Fever all occurred in the Isolation Hospital, but 4 of the Diphtheria cases were from the Borough.

The Zymotic Death-rate is 1 per 1,000.

(*b*) DEATHS FROM OTHER CAUSES.

The chief causes of the other Deaths were as follows :—

Heart Disease	30
Pneumonia	22
Bronchitis	15
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	14
Cancer	17
Enteritis	2
Premature Births	6
Violent Deaths	3
Bright's Disease	4
Appendicitis	1
Rheumatic Fever	1
Influenza	1

III. Births in 1912.

The total Births in the District were 277, or at the rate of 15·4 per 1,000 of the population.

The numbers in the various Districts were as follows :—

1. Pitminster	71
2. North Curry	95
3. Taunton (Without)	43
4. Bishop's Lydeard	68
Total	277

8 of these Births were illegitimate.

IV. Infantile Mortality.

The Infantile Mortality, or Deaths of Infants under one year per 1,000 Births, was much higher than usual, the number being 79·4 per 1,000.

Whooping Cough, Premature Births, and Marasmus were the chief causes of the increase.

V. Sickness during 1912.

1. Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

With the ordinary Infectious Diseases previously notifiable must now be included Pulmonary Tuberculosis, or Consumption ; Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ; Acute Polio-myelitis ; and Ophthalmia Neanotorum.

The Local Government Board Regulations of 1908 made it obligatory on all Poor-Law Medical Officers to notify such cases. Further Regulations in 1911 extended it to all Hospital cases, and in 1912 the Disease was made universally notifiable. By a recent order (December, 1912) all Tuberculosis cases, affecting any part of the body, besides the lung, are to be notified. This comes into operation on February 1st, 1912.

The total number of Notifications I received in 1912 was 43 :—

Scarlet Fever	12
Diphtheria	11
Enteric Fever	4
Erysipelas	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	14
Total	43

24 of these cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital, viz., 11 cases of Scarlet Fever, 10 of Diphtheria, and 3 cases of Enteric Fever.

1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Only 14 cases were notified during the year.

In each case the premises were visited and a search made for sanitary defects.

Disinfectants were supplied as required, a card of instructions and a spitting flask given gratuitously.

In the future, however, these cases will be dealt with in a more satisfactory way.

A Tuberculosis Dispensary has been opened in Priory Avenue, at which Dr. Short (the County Tuberculosis Medical Officer) pays a weekly visit, and sees Patients (insured persons) free of cost.

A County Health Visitor resides there, and visits all cases notified.

I have now to send every week to the County Medical Officer of Health a copy of all notifications received.

Sanatoria and shelters will also be available for Patients, but of course so great a scheme will require time for its full development.

I would lay stress upon a few facts that have been in the past overlooked :—

1. The great infectivity of Tuberculosis, and the great necessity of a plentiful supply of pure air. A separate bedroom being a necessity.

2. This Disease is spread by the expectoration which swarms with its peculiar bacilli; hence the need of its immediate disinfection and destruction.

3. The danger of the use of milk derived from Tuberculosis cows.

The number of Tuberculous cows in this country is very great, and no doubt much will be done by future legislation to counteract this evil.

Milk should be sterilized before use.

4. In its early stages the Disease is curable, hence the immense importance of its discovery at the earliest possible moment, so that the Patient may have the advantages of proper treatment as soon as possible.

The cases notified during the year occurred in various parts of the District, but North Curry Parish and Bathpool had the most cases.

2. Scarlet Fever.

Almost all these cases occurred in one Parish, Durston.

How first introduced I was unable to find out, but it attacked the inmates of two cottages which were adjoining and under the same roof.

8 of the cases so occurred.

A sharp look-out was kept on the School, the children were excluded, the Patients removed to the Isolation Hospital, and the Disease did not spread.

They occurred in the month of October.

3. Diphtheria.

These cases were mostly in various parts of the District, 4 however of the 10 occurred in one house at Henlade, in the Parish of Ruishton, spreading from one child to another.

Exclusion from School, and removal to the Isolation Hospital, prevented its further spread.

4. Enteric Fever.

All of these cases were removed to the Isolation Hospital, where 2 ended fatally.

I consider cases of Enteric Fever require the greatest care in removal, especially during the second or third week of the Disease. The Patient requires very gently handling, and all jolting over rough roads might be followed by fatal results.

VI. Sanitary Work during 1912.

Your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Gardiner, has been very active during the year. He tells me that the number of Inspections and Re-inspections of houses and premises he has made during the year amount to 3,849.

48 Statutory Notices were served and 673 informal ones.

144 Drains were repaired and 38 new ones provided.

116 Closets were repaired and 38 new ones provided.

As regards water, 49 samples were brought to me for analysis, and 29 samples proved to be impure.

451 Houses were repaired, cleansed, and limewashed.

11 New Houses were built during the year.

12 Cases of Overcrowding were dealt with.

Further details will be found in the Inspector's Tabular Report, which follows this.

Disinfection.

This was carried out in all cases of Infectious Diseases.

To the number of these mentioned in previous years must be added Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Evil has arisen from the fact that your Council have no Steam Disinfector.

Arrangements have during the year been made with the Taunton Town Council whereby bedding, &c., can be sent to the Equifex Steam Disinfector at Obridge and be thoroughly disinfected.

VII. Water Supply.

The question of a pure supply of water for North Curry has at length been decided.

The pure and soft water which now supplies Hatch Beauchamp and Stoke St. Gregory is to be used also for North Curry.

A scheme has been adopted, and it only requires the sanction of the Local Government Board to be carried out. A scheme is also in hand to provide a portion of Bickenhall with water.

The Bishop's Lydeard supply continues satisfactory, but there is at times much waste, which inevitably will shorten the supply in dry weather.

VIII. Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909.

I have with your Inspector continued my Inspection of the District for the purpose of discovering and dealing with Houses unfit for habitation.

Houses and Premises have been dealt with in the following Parishes :—

Bagborough.
Bishop's Lydeard.
Coombe Florey.
Corfe.
Creech St. Michael.
Curland.
Halse.
Heathfield.
Kingston.
Stoke St. Mary.
Stoke St. Gregory.
Norton Fitzwarren.
North Curry.
Pitminster.
Ruishton.
Thorne Falcon.
Thurlbear.
Trull.
West Monkton.

All these were dealt with by Notice under the Public Health Act, 1875.

They numbered 75 in all.

Of these 46 have been repaired and made habitable, and 11 are still in hand.

18 Houses have been demolished, of which 13 have been rebuilt and 5 destroyed.

The chief obstacles to carrying out this most necessary works are: impecunious owners, and agents whose chief object appears to be to spend nothing.

There are some very notable exceptions however in the District, where the dwellings of the working classes are all that can be desired.

Slaughter-Houses.

These are 34 in number, 2 more than in the preceding year.

They are periodically inspected and kept in good condition.

Bakehouses.

There are 23, the same as last year. They are frequently inspected.

There are no underground Bakehouses.

Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops.

The licensed Cowsheds and Dairies are 130.

There has been some considerable improvement during the year, but a good deal still remains to be done, especially in the way of paving and drainage.

This especially applies to the smaller Cowsheds.

I have so frequently insisted on the necessity of these sheds being well built, airy, well ventilated, and well drained, that I need not again enlarge upon it.

If Tuberculosis is to be stamped out the Tuberculous cow will have to be dealt with. For a pure milk supply is essential, and the time is not far distant when the diseased animal will have to be destroyed in order to ensure the health of the community.

The cleanliness and proper construction of sheds is above all things essential if the health of the animals is to be ensured.

Moreover, of equal importance is the cleanliness of the hands of the milkers, and the protection of milk from polution by dust and flies.

Factories, Workshops, Workplaces, and Home-work.

There are 5 Factories, 52 Workshops, and 8 Workplaces in the District.

They have been all visited and inspected during the year.

Want of cleanliness was found in 6 cases, and other nuisances in 3 other cases.

These were all remedied.

There are 66 registered Workshops, 23 of which are Bakehouses, 39 Workshops, and 4 Workplaces.

The number of Home-workers was 224, 208 occupied in wearing apparel, and 16 in Furniture and Upholstery.

Notices had to be served in 13 cases where the premises were insanitary.

Full particulars will be found in the Tables accompanying this Report.

The year has been a fairly healthy one, although the rainfall was abnormal, being 39·23 inches (11 above the average), and the sunshine much below its usual amount.

Owing to the rainfall, of course, a large amount of the moor lands were under water for a very considerable period. Still the health of the District does not appear to have materially suffered.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., Lond.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1912 and Previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District.			
								Under One Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
		Number.	Rate.	Number.	Rate.	Of Non-residents registered in the District.	Of Residents not registered in the District.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1907	17,292	370	21·3	269	15·5	68	21	26	70·3	222	14·4
1908	17,251	322	18·6	272	15·8	11	30	20	62·0	250	14·4
1909	17,210	329	19·1	262	15·2	82	25	21	63·0	205	11·9
1910	17,169	345	20·0	246	14·3	63	11	16	46·3	194	11·2
1911	17,834	318	17·8	287	15·0	85	13	14	14·0	215	12·0
1912	17,860	277	15·5	260	14·5	68	16	22	79·4	209	11·6

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water)... 71,720

Total population at all ages 17,860
Number of inhabited houses 4,079
Average Number of Persons per house ... 4
At Census of 1911.

TABLE II. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1912.

Notifiable Disease.	Number of Cases Notified.								Total Cases notified in each Locality.				Total Cases Removed to Hospital.
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.							1	2	3	4	
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and upw'rds	Pitminster	North Curry	Taunton (without)	Bishop's Lydeard	
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria, including Membranous croup	11	...	...	8	3	...	...	...	1	7	...	3	10
Erysipelas	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	12	...	2	8	...	2	...	...	1	9	1	1	11
Typhus fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric fever	4	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Relapsing fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continued fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .	14	...	...	...	6	3	5	...	3	8	...	3	...
Totals	43	...	2	18	11	5	6	1	6	25	1	11	...

(H) Taunton Isolation Hospital, situated in Cheddon Road, in the District of Taunton (Without), provided by Taunton Urban and Rural Councils. (W) The Workhouse is in the Taunton Urban District.

Total available Beds, 36. Number of Diseases that can be concurrently treated, 4.

TABLE III.

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

Causes of and Ages at Death during 1912.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in Whole District at Subjoined Ages.									Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All Ages.	Under 1	1 & under 2	2 & under 5	5 & under 15	15 & under 25	25 & under 45	45 & under 65	65 & upwards	
Certified	260	22	5	5	12	11	23	65	117	77
Uncertified	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever .. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping-cough	10	5	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and Croup ...	6	...	...	2	4	...	...	..	...	6
Influenza	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis)	14	...	...	...	...	5	4	3	2	9
Tuberculous Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other tuberculous diseases	4	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	2
Cancer, malignant disease	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	3
Rheumatic Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Organic Heart Disease ...	30	...	...	...	...	2	1	16	11	4
Bronchitis	15	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	11	6
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	22	1	...	...	...	1	5	7	8	10
Other diseases of respiratory organs ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Diarrhœa and Enteritis ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appendicitis and Typhlitis	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of liver	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Alcoholism	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nephritis and Bright's Disease	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...
Puerperal fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other accidents & diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Debility and Malformation, including Premature Birth...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Violent Deaths, excluding Suicide	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	..	...
Suicide	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Other Defined Diseases ...	119	8	2	1	4	2	8	23	71	36
Diseases ill-defined or Unknown	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	260	22	5	5	12	11	23	65	117	77

TABLE IV.

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1912.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at Various Ages under One Year of Age.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
Certified	7	...	2	1	10	6	4	2	...	22
Uncertified	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	5
Diphtheria and Croup	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculous Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abdominal Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Tuberculous Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis (not Tuberculous) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Convulsions	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Gastritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Rickets...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suffocation, overlying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Injury at birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atelectasis	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Premature birth	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	6
Atrophy, Debility, and Marasmus	1	...	2	1	4	...	1	..	...	5
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	7	...	2	1	10	6	4	2	...	22

Nett Births in the Year—Legitimate, 269; Illegitimate, 8.

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For the Year 1912,

FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF TAUNTON,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces & Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
FACTORIES ... ... (Including Factory Laundries.)	5	...	...
WORKSHOPS ... ... (Including Workshop Laundries.)	52	...	...
WORKPLACES ... ... (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report.)	8	...	...
Total	65	...	...

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects. Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	Number of Prosecutions. (5)
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—				
Want of cleanliness	6	6	...	...
Want of ventilation	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ...	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances	3	3	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — insufficient ...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective ...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes	...	...	...	...
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...	...	...	...	...
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100).	...	...	...	...
Other offences ... ... (Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report.)	...	...	...	...
Total	9	9	...	...

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' Lists, Section 107.									Outwork in unwholesome Premises, Section 108.			Outwork in infected Premises, Sections 109, 110.		
	Lists received from Employers.						Notices served on Occupiers as to keeping or sending Lists.	Prosecutions.							
	Twice in the Year.			Once in the Year.				Failing to keep or permit inspection of Lists.	Failing to send Lists.						
	Lists.	Outworkers.		Lists.	Outworkers.					Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (s. 110).	Prosecutions (sections 109, 110).
		Contractors	Workmen.		Contractors	Workmen.									
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Wearing Apparel (1) Making, &c.	14	...	208	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	...
Wearing Apparel (2) Cleaning & washing	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Household Linen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Curtains and Furniture Hangings	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and Upholstery... ...	4	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Electro Plate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
File making	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brass and Brass Articles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fur pulling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cables and Chains	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anchors and Grapnels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cart Gear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locks, Latches and Keys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Umbrellas, &c.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Artificial flowers	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nets, other than wire nets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Tents	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacks	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Racquet and Tennis Balls... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paper Bags and Boxes	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Brush making	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pea picking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Feather sorting	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Stuffed Toys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basket making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chocolates and Sweetmeats ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	18	...	224	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	...

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year. (1)	Number. (2)
Important classes of workshops, such as workshop bakehouses, may be enumerated here.	
Bakehouses	23
Workshops	39
Work-places...	4
Total number of workshops on Register	66

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class. (1)	Number. (2)
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories :—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) ... — Notified by H.M. Inspector	...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) ... — Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	...
Other	...
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101)	...
Certificates granted during the year	...
In use at the end of the year	...

February, 1913.

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., Lond.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

Inspector of Nuisances' Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the Year 1912 (E. H. Gardiner).

Number of Complaints to Sanitary Officer			27
Inspections, Re-inspections, House to House, Premises, &c. ...			3,849
Results of Inspection.	Notices issued for Sanitary Amendments of Houses, &c., Statutory		48
	Ditto	Informal	673
	Houses Disinfected after Infection		29
	Drains Tested with Smoke Test		3
	Pollution of Stream		3
Drains (House)	Drains Repaired, Cleansed, Trapped, &c.		144
Privies and Closets.	Repaired		116
	New Provided		38
Water Supply.	Samples of Water taken		49
	Houses Supplied with Water		4
Miscellaneous.	Removal of Accumulation of Dung, Stagnant Water, Animal and other Refuse		8
	Animals Removed, being improperly kept		13
	Regularly Inspected.	Bakehouses	23
		Licensed Cowsheds, Dairies, &c.	130
		Licensed Slaughter-Houses	34
	Overcrowding		12
	Houses unfit for Habitation		80
	Houses Cleansed, Repaired and Limewashed ...		451

TAUNTON
ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR 1912,

BY

Dr. A. HARRISON THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B.

Committee :

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Medical Superintendent : DR. A. HARRISON THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B.

Matron : MISS BARTLETT.

TAUNTON ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 1912.

TAUNTON,

January, 1913.

To the Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1912.

CASES ADMITTED.

	Urban.	Rural.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	23	9	32
Diphtheria	41	11	52
Enteric Fever	—	3	3
Total	64	23	87

These 87 admissions consisted of :—

Males	35
Females	52
Total	87

Their ages were :—

Under 1 year	1
1 to 5 years	13
6 to 15 ,, ...	53
16 to 25 ,, ...	12
26 to 35 ,, ...	6
36 to 50 ,, ...	2
Total	87

They were distributed over the various months as follows :—

January	6
February	10
March	2
April	8
May	8
June	6
July	6
August	2
September	4
October	13
November	17
December	5
Total	87

The 23 Rural Cases came from the following places :—

Upper Cheddon	1
Norton	1
Cotford	2
Creech	1
Bishop's Lydeard	1
Kingston	1
Durston	9
North Curry	1
West Monkton..	1
Henlade	4
Cothelstone	1
Total	23

Deaths.

From Diphtheria	6
,, Enteric Fever	2
Total	8

Nature of the Cases.

There was an outbreak of Diphtheria during the year, the cases being principally Urban, and many of them of septic character, with complications. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, but two of the Enteric cases died.

The records of the medical treatment and of the condition of the patients on their admission and discharge have been carefully kept.

The Staff.

I am pleased to report that the work of the Hospital has been conducted satisfactorily during the year. It was found necessary to increase the Staff temporarily by an additional Nurse, because of the extra work involved in the nursing of the Diphtheria cases.

Condition of the Hospital.

This is at present excellent, as the wards have been kept renovated and in good condition by making such repairs as have from time to time been necessary.

Appended is a Table showing the number of cases admitted annually since the opening of the Hospital.

Your obedient Servant,

A. HARRISON THOMAS, M.B., B.Sc.,
Medical Superintendent.

Number of cases admitted since the opening of the Hospital:—

From July,	1879,	to September,	1880	..	42
From October,	1880	,,	1881	..	19
,,	1881	,,	1882	..	76
,,	1882	,,	1883	..	64
,,	1883	,,	1884	..	127
,,	1884	,,	1885	..	205
,,	1885	,,	1886	..	60
,,	1886	,,	1887	..	93
,,	1887	,,	1888	..	66
,,	1888	,,	1889	..	25
,,	1889	,,	1890	..	79
,,	1890	,,	1891	..	70
,,	1891	to December,	1892	..	44
		In the year	1893	..	182
		,,	1894	..	176
		,,	1895	..	69
		,,	1896	..	65
		,,	1897	..	78
		,,	1898	..	41
		,,	1899	..	54
		,,	1900	..	66
		,,	1901	..	40
		,,	1902	..	144
		,,	1903	..	87
		,,	1904	..	291
		,,	1905	..	109
		,,	1906	..	74
		,,	1907	..	51
		,,	1908	..	73
		,,	1909	..	55
		,,	1910	..	76
		,,	1911	..	76
		,,	1912	..	87
			Total	..	2,864

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